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SUBJ: POSSIBLE CLOSING OF BREMEN CONSULATE

REF: STATE 125507 (TOSEC 130136)

1. REFTTEL PASSING ITSELF OFF AS A "BRIEFING" MEMORANDUM ENDED ON A MADDENINGLY IMPRECISE NOTE. TO REVIEW THE BIDDING, WHILE WE WERE IN AFRICA I BELIEVE I RECALL THE SECRETARY APPROVING THE CLOSING OF BREMEN. THEN, WHEN KOSCHNICK VISITED HIM, HE AGREED TO REEXAMINE THE DECISION. THE "BRIEFING" MEMORANDUM REVIEWS ALL OF THE REASONS WHY THE DECISION WAS MADE TO CLOSE BREMEN BUT THEN CONCLUDES WITH A PARAGRAPH ON POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS ARGUING AGAINST REDUCING OR CLOSING THE POST. THE FINAL SENTENCE READS "HENCE IT SEEMS PREFERABLE, GIVEN THESE POLITICAL PRESSURES, TO DEFER REEXAMINATION OF A POSSIBLE CLOSING FOR THE PRESENT."

2. IN THE FIRST PLACE, IS THIS AN ACTION MEMO OR A BRIEFING MEMO? FROM THE TONE OF THE LAST SENTENCE, IT APPEARS TO BE AN ACTION MEMO. IF IT IS, SHOULD THE SECRETARY RE-EXAMINE THE CLOSING OF BREMEN, OR DEFER SUCH RE-EXAMINATION? THE ENTIRE PARAGRAPH IN QUESTION IS DEVOTED TO REVIEWING THE ARGUMENTS WHY THE POST SHOULD NOT BE CLOSED; THE FINAL SENTENCE SAYS GIVEN ALL THE ABOVE, IT SEEMS PREFERABLE TO DEFER REEXAMINING THE

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CLOSING.

3. PERHAPS STRUNK'S AND WHITE'S SMALL VOLUME COULD
BE SENT TO WHOEVER PUT TOGETHER THE MEMO. ANY CLARIFICATION
YOU CAN PROVIDE WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

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